Title: Need to declare road between Gopalpur Port and Raipur as National Highway

SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO (KALAHANDI): Sir, the road from Gopalpur Port to Raipur should be declared as a National Highway for its importance of connecting the steel city of Bhilai with the Port of Gopalpur which will open up a vast hinterland rich in minerals and a poverty stricken population to developmental activity. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Do not disturb the House.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is an act of indiscipline.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Raghuvanshji, please tell them.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO : This highway will also be a part of our Government's policy to strengthen the infrastructure to boost our economy in the backward pockets like the KBK Districts. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: When I have to suspend you, I will suspend.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO : Also a proposal was sent by the Government of Orissa to the Central Government in 1998 in which modification has to be done regarding the route of the road. ...(*Interruptions*) Previously it was going from Rampur to Amat-Belgoan, but as the Bargarh-Boriguma road has been declared as a National Highway, it will overlap if the road is taken to Belgoan. ...(*Interruptions*) Therefore, I suggest that the road be taken to Bhawanipatna-Khariar Road-Mahasamund. ...(*Interruptions*) At Mahasamund, it will join National Highway No.6 thereby developing backward areas of Madhya Pradesh and Orissa....(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Members are participating. Do not shout.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Raghuvanshji, take them.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BIKRAM KESHARI DEO : Therefore, I request that the road between Gopalpur Port and Raipur should be declared as a National Highway.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will have to pass an order to withdraw from the House.

...(*Interruptions*)

15.56 hours (Mr. Speaker *in the Chair*)

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: You please go back to your seats.

15.56 hours

(At this stage, Shri Kunwar Akhilesh Singh, Shri Ramdas Athawale

and some other hon. Members went back to their seats.)

...(*Interruptions*)

15.57 hours

(At this stage, Shri Basu Deb Acharia, Dr. Raghuvansh Prasad Singh,

Shri Kunwar Akhilesh Singh, Shri Ramadas Athawale and some other

hon. Members left the House.)